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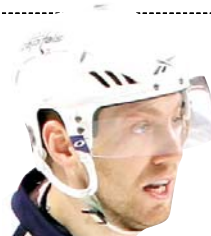
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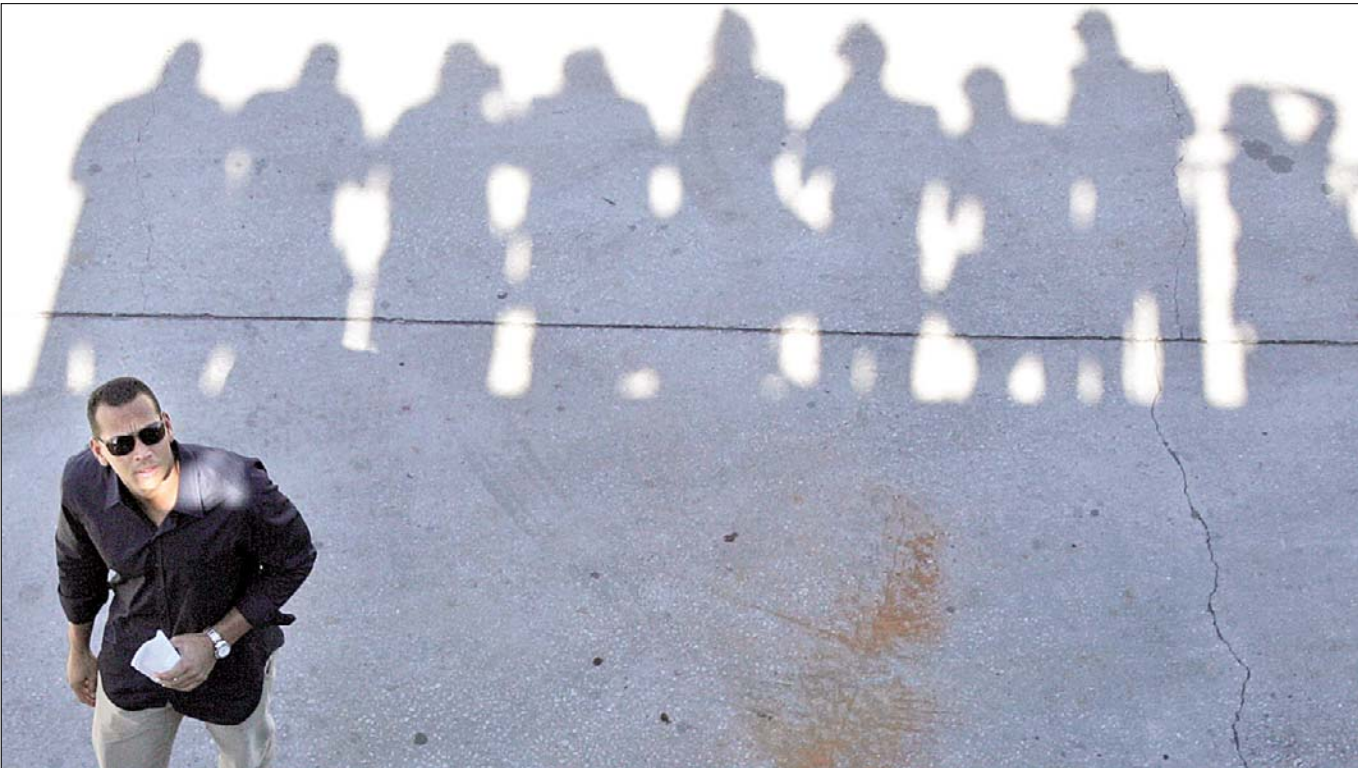
ENTERTAINMENT

U.S. Royalty: *Kings of Leon* are finally being recognized on their own turf. Plus, a look at the best actress Oscar nominees.

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Apologetic A-Rod Admits 'Stupid Mistakes'



CONTRITE: Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez looks up at photographers after leaving a news conference in Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday. Rodriguez admitted he used a performance-enhancing drug over three years of his career, calling himself "stupid and naïve." ♦ **'Amateur hour':** A-Rod issues apology | Page 13

Detroit Seeks Billions More

GM, Chrysler request additional aid, plan to cut 50,000 jobs

DETROIT | General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC said Tuesday they'll need billions more in government loans than they predicted just two months ago.

GM said it could need up to \$30 billion from the Treasury Department to keep operating. Included in that amount is \$13.4 billion the company has already received. Previously, GM had said it could need as much as \$18 billion.

The two automakers also plan further

job cuts and additional curtailment of auto production. Both companies plan to reduce the number of models they offer to car buyers over the next few years.

Meanwhile, the United Auto Workers union said it has reached a tentative agreement with Chrysler, GM and Ford Motor Co. on modifications to existing labor contracts.

Acknowledging that industry conditions are worse than expected when it made the case in December for a government bailout,

GM said it could run out of money by March without new funds from the government. The latest request includes \$9.1 billion in new loans and a \$7.5 billion credit line.

Chrysler requested an additional \$5 billion from Treasury. It originally said it would need \$3 billion more. The company had already received \$4 billion.

GM's survival plan also calls for the cutting of a total of 47,000 jobs and the closing of five more U.S. factories. Chrysler said it will cut 3,000 more jobs and stop producing three vehicle models. (AP)



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Just Don't Wake the Ghost

A man who's renovating a 120-year-old house in Terre Haute, Ind., has discovered a hidden room in the house's basement. A friend of Carl Thoms' was recently working on plumbing in the 1890 house's basement when he noticed that he could see around the pipes into a hidden room covered in tiles. He also spotted a staircase—a discovery that led Thoms to pry up some floorboards. At the bottom of the stairs, Thoms found himself in a walled-off 10-foot-square room. "You never know what it could have been," Thoms said. "It's really cool to find something like that." (AP)



IS OUR CHILDREN LEARNING?

Teachers Who Wrote The Test Now Hiding

A high school student's keen eye has caught a state test error that managed to slip past teachers, test coordinators and other students for almost a year. Geoffrey Stanford, 17, discovered dur-

ing a Kansas writing test last week that an essay question concerning greenhouse gases incorrectly used the word "omission" for the word "emission," prompting the high school junior to point out the error. "It just didn't make sense," Stanford said. "It had to be a mistake." No one before Stanford had reported the error. (AP)

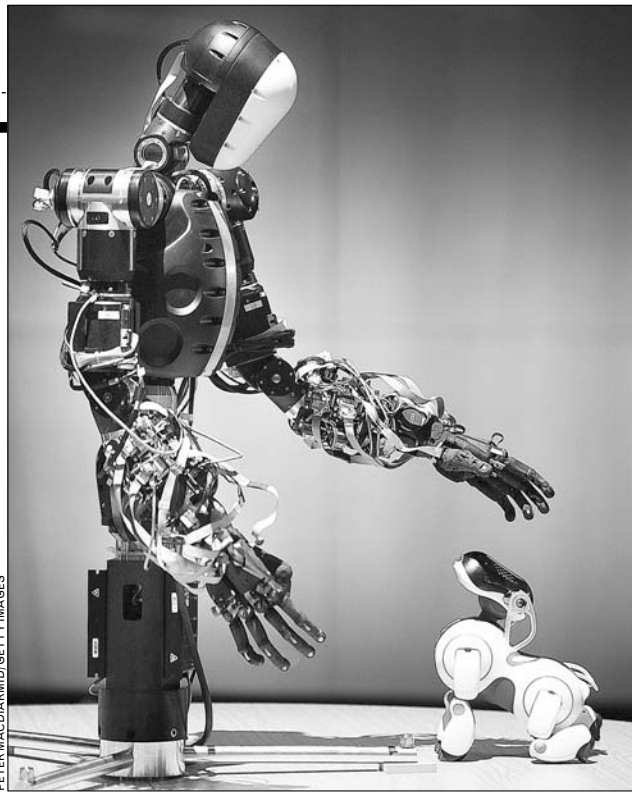
CRIME

Brief Encounter

It took a wedgie and a headlock to pin down a man suspected of breaking into a car. Yvonne Morris, a techni-

cian at the Brickyard Animal Hospital, said she chased a man who broke into a co-worker's car, but he kept squirming away from her. Morris eventually grabbed the man's underwear and pulled. Salt Lake City police said she

then she put a headlock on the man until help arrived. The man was booked into the Salt Lake County jail on suspicion of vehicle burglary, possession of stolen property and outstanding warrants. (AP)



PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

TECHNOLOGY

Optimus Mime

This is BERTI. Not WALL*E. The name doesn't lend itself quite as well to an adorable robot voice, but BERTI is special in its own way. It was built to mimic human gestures to help scientists hypothesize about how humans and robots will interact in the future. Visitors to the robot's museum in London can give researchers input about BERTI's gesturing ability, thus aiding their research. Plus, the robot plays a mean game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. BERTI is shown here with its robot puppy, who will help give BERTI human emotions and catapult him to animated film fame. (EXPRESS)

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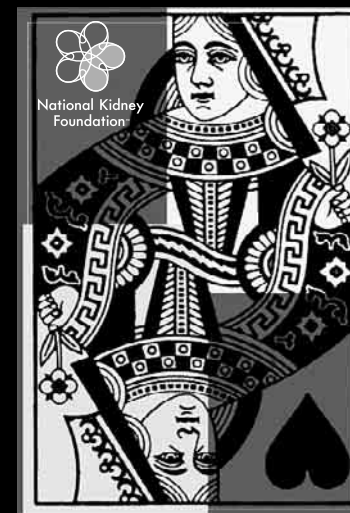
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Nation

In Brief

NEW YORK CITY

Court Rejects Challenge To Calories-on-Menu Rule

A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld New York City's regulation requiring some chain restaurants to post calories on menus and menu boards, saying the rule is a reasonable effort to curb obesity. A 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel rejected arguments by a state trade group that federal law pre-empted the rule and that the city had violated the First Amendment. (AP)

NEW YORK

Toddler Wanders Onto Subway, Travels 4 Stops

Authorities say a 3-year-old wandered out of a McDonald's in Queens while his mother went to get napkins, and then he got on the subway and traveled four stops before transit workers noticed him and called police. Christian Marquez was reunited with his mother 30 minutes after he disappeared Tuesday. (AP)

HEARSAY | TEEN SEX

"I'd love to [be] an advocate to prevent teen pregnancy, because it's not a situation that you would want to strive for."

—BRISTOL PALIN, ALASKA GOV. SARAH PALIN'S 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, DISCUSSING HER PREGNANCY ON FOX NEWS. BRISTOL SAID ABSTINENCE FOR TEENS IS "NOT REALISTIC."

Obama Shifts Focus to Foreclosures

President is poised for more action after signing stimulus bill

DENVER | Racing to reverse the country's economic spiral, President Obama signed the mammoth stimulus package into law Tuesday and readied a new \$50 billion foreclosure rescue for legions of Americans who are in danger of losing their homes.

Anything but reassured, Wall Street dove ever lower. The Dow Jones industrials fell 297.81 points, closing less than a point above their lowest level in more than five years.

Obama focused on the \$787 billion stimulus plan, an ambitious package of federal spending and tax cuts designed to revive the economy and save millions of jobs. Most wage-earners will soon see the first



President Obama signs the \$787 billion economic stimulus bill Tuesday in Denver, Colo., as Vice President Joe Biden looks on. The ambitious plan includes tax cuts.

paycheck evidence of tax breaks that will total \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples.

The stimulus package was a huge victory for Obama less than one month into his presidency. But

he struck a sober tone and lowered expectations for an immediate turnaround in the severe recession that is well into its second year.

"None of this will be easy," he said. "The road to recovery will not be straight. We will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way."

Still, he declared, "We have begun the essential work of keeping the American dream alive in our time."

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, when asked by reporters, would not rule out another stimulus in the future, though he said a sequel was not in the works "at this point."

On Wednesday, Obama will outline another big piece of his recovery effort — a \$50 billion plan to help stem foreclosures — in Arizona, one of the states hardest hit by mortgage defaults. (AP)

Burris Makes Explosive Admission

Ill. senator attempted to fundraise for ousted governor Blagojevich

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. | U.S. Sen. Roland Burris now acknowledges attempting to raise money for ousted governor Rod Blagojevich — an explosive twist in his ever-changing story on how he landed a coveted Senate appointment from the man accused



Sen. Roland Burris is facing calls for his resignation from some lawmakers.

of trying to sell the seat.

Burris made the admission to reporters on Monday, after releasing an affidavit over the weekend saying he had more contact with Blagojevich aides about the Senate seat than he had described under oath to the state House panel that recommended Blagojevich's impeachment. The Democrat also said in the affidavit, but not before the panel, that the gover-

nor's brother asked him for fundraising help.

Though Burris insists he never raised money for Blagojevich while the governor was considering who to appoint to the seat President Obama vacated, the revelation that he had attempted to do so is likely to increase calls for Burris' resignation and an investigation into whether he committed perjury before the panel. Illinois Democrats have forwarded documents related to Burris' testimony to a county prosecutor for review. JOHN O'CONNOR (AP)

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DYE ANOTHER DAY: Pink hair is officially a no-no for pupils in Gwinn, Mich. The school board adopted a dress code Monday that requires natural hair colors for all elementary school kids.

Pet Chimp Mauls Woman

Police in Conn. kill animal who had been in TV commercials

HARTFORD, CONN. | A 200-pound domesticated chimpanzee who once starred in TV commercials for Old Navy and Coca-Cola was fatally shot by police after a violent rampage that left a friend of his owner's badly mauled.

Stamford police Capt. Richard Conklin said the chimp was acting so agitated earlier that afternoon that his owner gave him the anti-anxiety drug Xanax in some tea.

Sandra Herold, who owned the 15-year-old chimp named Travis, wrestled with the animal, stabbed him and hit him with a shovel after he inexplicably attacked her friend Charla Nash, 55.

Nash had gone to Herold's home in Stamford on Monday to help her coax the chimp back into the house after he got out, police said. After the animal lunged at Nash when she got out of her car, Herold ran inside



KATHLEEN ROURKE/AP

The owner of Travis, a 200-pound chimpanzee, gave him Xanax Monday.

to call 911 and returned armed.

"She retrieved a large butcher knife and stabbed her longtime pet numerous times in an effort to save her friend, who was really being brutally attacked," Conklin said. Herold told police that the knife had no effect, and that she also struck Travis with a shovel.

Nash was in critical condition Tuesday after suffering what Stamford Mayor Dannel Malloy called "life-changing, if not life-threatening," injuries to her face and hands.

Conklin said police don't know what triggered the attack.

"There was no provocation that we know of," Conklin said.

After the initial attack, Travis ran away and started roaming Herold's property until police arrived and began setting up security so medics could reach the injured woman.

But the chimpanzee returned and went after several of the officers, who retreated into their cars, Conklin said. An officer shot Travis several times after the animal opened the door to his cruiser and started to get in.

"The animal had cornered him," Conklin said Tuesday. "He had no other recourse."

The wounded chimpanzee fled into the house and retreated to his living quarters, where he died.

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Paperwork Trips Up Banks

Homeowners ward off foreclosures by asking for original mortgages

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA. | Kathy Lovelace lost her job and was about to lose her house, too. But then she made a seemingly simple request of the bank: Show me the original mortgage paperwork.

And just like that, the foreclosure proceedings came to a standstill.

Lovelace and other homeowners around the country are managing to stave off foreclosure by employing a strategy that goes to the heart of the whole nationwide mess.

During the real estate frenzy of the past decade, mortgages were sold and resold, bundled into securities and peddled to investors. In many cases, the original note signed by the



Kathy Lovelace, 50, is fighting to stay in her \$200,000 home in Zephyrhills, Fla.

homeowner was lost, stored away in a distant warehouse or destroyed.

Persuading a judge to compel production of hard-to-find or non-existent documents can, at the very

least, delay foreclosure, buying the homeowner some time and turning up the pressure on the lender to renegotiate the mortgage.

"I'm going to hang on for dear life until they can prove to me it belongs to them," said Lovelace, a 50-year-old divorced mother who owns a \$200,000 home in Zephyrhills, Fla.

In interviews with The Associated Press, lawyers, homeowners and advocates outlined the produce-the-note strategy. Exactly how many homeowners have employed it is unknown. Nor is it clear how successful it has been; some judges are more sympathetic than others.

More than 2.3 million homeowners faced foreclosure proceedings last year, and millions more are in danger of losing their homes.

MITCH STACY (AP)

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World



BAY OF PIGS REDUX: Guatemalan President Alvaro Colom apologized on Tuesday to Cuba for Guatemala's allowing the CIA to train exiles in the Central American country for the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

U.S. Adds 17K Troops to Afghanistan

Obama approves major influx to help reverse 'deteriorating situation'

WASHINGTON | President Obama approved adding about 17,000 U.S. troops for the flagging war in Afghanistan, his first significant move to change the course of a conflict that his closest military advisers have warned the United States is not winning.

"This increase is necessary to stabilize a deteriorating situation in

Afghanistan, which has not received the strategic attention, direction and resources it urgently requires," Obama said in a statement.

That was an implicit slap at his predecessor, George W. Bush, who Obama has accused of slighting urgent national security needs in Afghanistan in favor of war in Iraq.

The White House said the new commander in chief would send a Marine brigade and one additional Army brigade to Afghanistan this spring and summer. About 8,000 Marines are expected to go first, fol-

lowed by about 9,000 Army troops. The United States has slightly more than 30,000 troops in the country now.

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The percentage increase in the number of civilians killed in Afghanistan in the past year, a U.N. report said.

The new troops represent the first installment on a larger influx of U.S. forces widely expected this year. Obama's move would put several thousand troops in place in time for the increase in fighting that usu-

ally occurs with warmer weather and ahead of national elections in August.

The additional forces partly answer a standing request from the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. David McKiernan, who has sought as many as 30,000 additional U.S. troops to counter the resurgence of the Taliban militants and protect Afghan civilians.

"There is no more solemn duty as president than the decision to deploy our armed forces into harm's way," Obama said. (AP)

In Brief



Japanese Finance Minister Shoichi Nakagawa quit his post on Tuesday.

TOKYO

Finance Minister Resigns, Denies Drunkenness at G-7

Japan's finance minister resigned in disgrace Tuesday after slurring his speech and nodding off during the G-7 summit in Rome last weekend in yet another political distraction as the world's No. 2 economy battles an ever-deepening recession. Finance Minister Shoichi Nakagawa denied he was drunk on the job and blamed his bizarre behavior at a press conference in Italy on cold medicine and jet lag, but friends and foes alike weren't buying his excuse. (AP)

SAN'A, YEMEN

Ex-Gitmo Detainee Turned Al-Qaeda Chief Surrenders

A former Guantanamo detainee who became an al-Qaeda field commander after being freed by the U.S. has surrendered, the Yemeni government said Tuesday. The Interior Ministry said Abu al-Hareth Muhammad al-Oufi was repatriated to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday after he surrendered to authorities. (AP)

NATO Condemns Pakistan's Truce With the Taliban

MINGORA, PAKISTAN | NATO led a growing chorus of international concern Tuesday by warning that a truce between the government of Pakistan and Taliban militants in a restive region near the Afghan border risks giving the extremists a "safe haven."

A hard-line cleric sent to the battle-scarred Swat Valley to negotiate with the Taliban received a hero's welcome there by crowds shouting "Long live Islam! Long live peace!"

The cleric, Sufi Muhammad, expressed hope the militants would give up their arms to honor the pact, which imposes Islamic law and suspends a military offensive in the former tourist haven. (AP)

PRISTINA, KOSOVO | INDEPENDENCE DAY



ONE YEAR LATER: Ethnic Albanians watch fireworks during a celebration of the one-year anniversary of Kosovo's declaring its independence from Serbia on Tuesday. Thousands sang and danced in the streets as part of the holiday.

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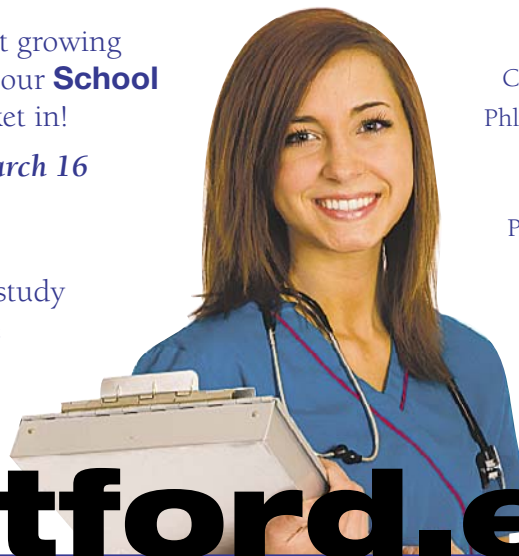


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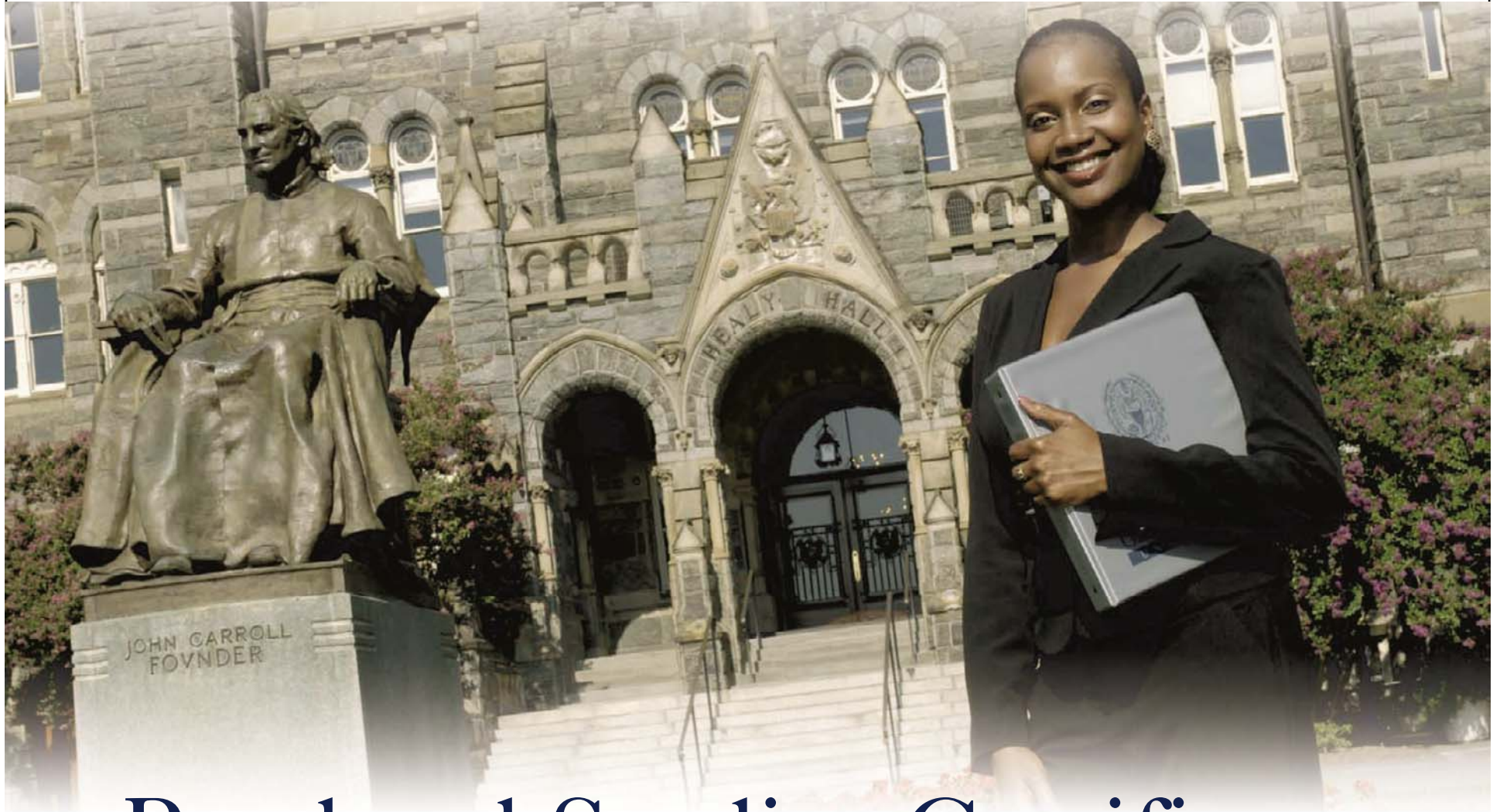
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World



BROWN ON THE OUTS: British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's faltering Labour Party has fallen 20 points behind the opposition Conservative Party, according to an Ipsos-MORI poll released Tuesday that raises serious doubts about Labour's strength after more than 11 years in power.

'Institutional Crisis' in Guadeloupe

Protests place French Caribbean island on the verge of rebellion

BASSE-TERRE, GUADELOUPE | The French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe was on the verge of rebellion, a political leader said Tuesday after stone-throwing protesters set cars and buildings ablaze, forced the international airport to close and clashed with police.

Nearly four weeks of work stoppages and demonstrations for lower prices and higher pay have caused thousands of tourists to flee or cancel holidays on the normally tranquil island, prompting many hotels to close and cruise ships to head elsewhere. "It is a political crisis, an institutional crisis and we are on the brink of sedition," Guadeloupe's



Burned-out cars and debris litter the street on Tuesday in the aftermath of a night of angry protests against high prices and low wages in Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe.

regional council president, Victorin Lurel, told France-Info radio.

From Paris, French Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said the protests had caused "degradation, devastation and confrontations" on Guadeloupe and its sister island, Martinique, where most shops and offices have been closed by the protests.

She urged "calm, responsibility and restraint" and said she hoped for a resumption of talks with protesters that broke down last week.

Police said they arrested 18 people overnight as protesters burned cars, a library and a boat-rental store in Sainte-Anne and Point-a-Pitre. An official, speaking on the standard condition of anonymity, said at least three officers suffered minor wounds due to gunshots fired by looters taking advantage of the chaos. CHRISTOPHE LANGLOIS (AP)

Clinton Warns N. Korea to Skip Missile Launch

TOKYO | Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton talked tough on her first overseas trip as America's top diplomat, delivering a sharp warning to North Korea on Tuesday over its threat to conduct a missile test.

As she wound down a long day of official events in Tokyo before preparing for the next leg of her Asia tour in Indonesia, Clinton said North Korea's threatened missile test would harm its prospects for improved relations with the United States and other neighbors.

"The possible missile launch that North Korea is talking about would be very unhelpful in moving our relationship forward," she said, urging Pyongyang to scale back its nuclear program and end its isolation. (AP)



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D.C. Father Sues WASA Over Lead

Man accuses agency of contributing to his 2 children's health issues

A Capitol Hill father of twin boys sued the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority Tuesday, claiming the agency played down the harm caused by lead in the water and contributed to his children's health problems.

John Parkhurst filed a class-action lawsuit in D.C. Superior Court after reports were published last week in The Washington Post

that raised questions about a 2007 research paper that assured District residents there was no harm caused by elevated amounts of lead in their water.

The paper, written by a university professor who was also a paid adviser to the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority, contained erroneous conclusions that reviewers rejected. The paper by Tee Guidotti reported that there had been no health impact from the unprecedented concentrations of lead in the city's water from 2001 to 2004.

A MAJOR FILING Parkhurst's lawsuit could have far-reaching effects in D.C.:

→ The lawsuit seeks damages for any other children who were age 6 or younger and drank contaminated water from public taps in the city during the period when lead levels were elevated.

→ By filing the lawsuit on behalf of a potential class, Parkhurst is opening the door for hundreds of others to join the case.

Experts reviewing the George Washington University paper before publication had rejected that finding as scientifically dubious. Guidotti had said he would delete it but did not.

Parkhurst's two boys, now 8, were toddlers when lead spiked to dangerous levels in the city's drinking water from 2001 to 2004. They now have learning and behavior problems that require therapy and medication that the lawsuit said costs up to \$40,000 a year.

CAROL D. LEONNIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

DHS Aided Md. Police Spy Effort

Federal agency gave officials information about antiwar group

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security tracked the protest plans of a peaceful Washington-area antiwar group and passed the information to the Maryland State Police, which had previously labeled the activists as terrorists in an intelligence file.

The federal agency obtained two e-mails containing plans for upcoming demonstrations at a military recruiting center in Silver Spring in 2005, the first indication that DHS might have worked with the police to monitor advocacy groups.

The notification by DHS appears in a state police file on the DC Anti-War Network, or DAWN, provided to The Washington Post under the Public Information Act.

The file is one of five created by the state police on the antiwar group in 2005 and 2006. Along with 53 individuals and about two dozen other protest groups, including Amnesty International and CASA of Maryland, DAWN was labeled a terrorist group in an internal police database. Police have said the names were not put on federal anti-terrorism lists.

LISA REIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Amtrak to Lower Acela Train Fares

WASHINGTON | With a dip in business travel, Amtrak is looking to attract other riders by cutting prices on its fastest trains between Washington and New York City.

Amtrak officials say they are dropping fares on the Acela Express

up to 25 percent.

Amtrak spokesman Cliff Black said that the faltering economy affected the decision to reduce prices. Now Acela business class tickets will be priced as low as \$99 between D.C. and New York City. (AP)

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FIGHT FOR YOUR PRICE: University of the District of Columbia students and representatives marched from the school to the Wilson Building Tuesday to talk with D.C. Council members about their opposition to a proposed tuition hike.

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Money

Financier Accused Of \$8 Billion Fraud

SEC freezes the assets of companies that sold certificates of deposit

NEW YORK | The federal government says R. Allen Stanford's investment businesses were too good to be true, and shut his companies down on Tuesday.

Two months after Bernard Madoff was accused of running the largest investment fraud in history, Securities and Exchange Commission officials raided the offices of Stanford, a Texas billionaire, and froze the assets of three companies he controls, saying he perpetrated an \$8 billion investment fraud.

Stanford was accused in civil charges of lying about the safety of investments he sold as "certificates of deposit" and promised unrealistically high rates of return. Regulators also said he faked historical data about other investments, which he then used to lure more investors for the CD products.

The fraud's operations allegedly



The SEC shut down three of R. Allen Stanford's companies on Tuesday.

reached as far as the tiny Caribbean island of Antigua, where Stanford was knighted in 2006 and helped sponsor high-stakes cricket matches. As news of the charges broke Tuesday afternoon, panicked residents of Antigua swarmed a second bank controlled by Stanford hoping to take their money out, only to be turned away by guards.

Stanford's whereabouts were not immediately known. (AP)

Facebook Users Take Issue With New Rules

Site's founder insists members still own the information they share

NEW YORK | Tens of thousands of Facebook users are protesting new policies that they say grant the social-networking site the ability to control their information forever, even after they cancel their accounts.

Facebook's new terms of use, updated Feb. 4, largely went unnoticed until the consumer rights advocacy blog Consumerist.com pointed out the changes Sunday.

That prompted a clarification from Facebook's founder, Mark Zuckerberg, who told users Monday that "on Facebook, people own

their information and control who they share it with."

Zuckerberg said the new terms are necessary to reflect the fact that friends of users may retain copies of messages or other information once they are shared.

"Even if the person deactivates their account, their friend still has a copy of that message," Zuckerberg said. "We think this is the right way for Facebook to work, and it is consistent with how other services like e-mail work. One of the reasons we updated our terms was to make this more clear." (AP)



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Cars

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The distance, in miles, of pure battery range that Nissan's new all-electric car will have, according to company officials. The car, which will seat five and be in the size range of a Sentra or Versa, is set for a late 2010 release.

A Moment of Clarity

Honda's hydrogen fuel-cell sedan is a costly, efficient car

IMPRACTICAL | I've driven lots of cars. I've wallowed like a Russian oligarch pig in the gorgeous mud of a \$1.6 million Bugatti Veyron. I've brushed gape-mouthed peasants aside with the chrome cowcatcher grille of a Rolls-Royce Phantom.

Yet I have never driven a car half as advanced, as futuristic, as blind-with-science as the Honda FCX Clarity hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle.

Nor one so expensive. More on that in a moment.

But first, let's get this out of the way: Hydrogen fuel-cell technology won't work in cars. It's a tragic cul-de-sac in the search for sustainable mobility and is a lousy way to move cars.

Face it: Fuel-cell technology has been eclipsed by vastly cheaper, here-now advances in batteries and plug-in electric vehicles. To knit together even the barest network of H2 refueling stations would



The FCX Clarity, Honda's first hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle, costs \$600 per month to lease and provides a very smooth drive.

cost billions. And, in any case, the fuel itself — whether produced by cracking natural gas or hydrolyzing water — represents a horrible energy return on investment.

If any other company but Honda trotted this thing out, I would barf with skepticism. But Honda is dead-

earnest about hydrogen, and it is only its relentless, year-after-year improvement in this technology, and the extraordinary treasure Honda throws at it, that makes me think the company knows something I don't.

Perhaps obscured by questions

of practicality and cost is the fact — and it is a fact — that the FCX Clarity is the most beautiful car ever to wear the big H on the nose. It's just gorgeous, a big garnet-red teardrop falling from the cheek of the future, a sweet stanza of robot-written poetry.

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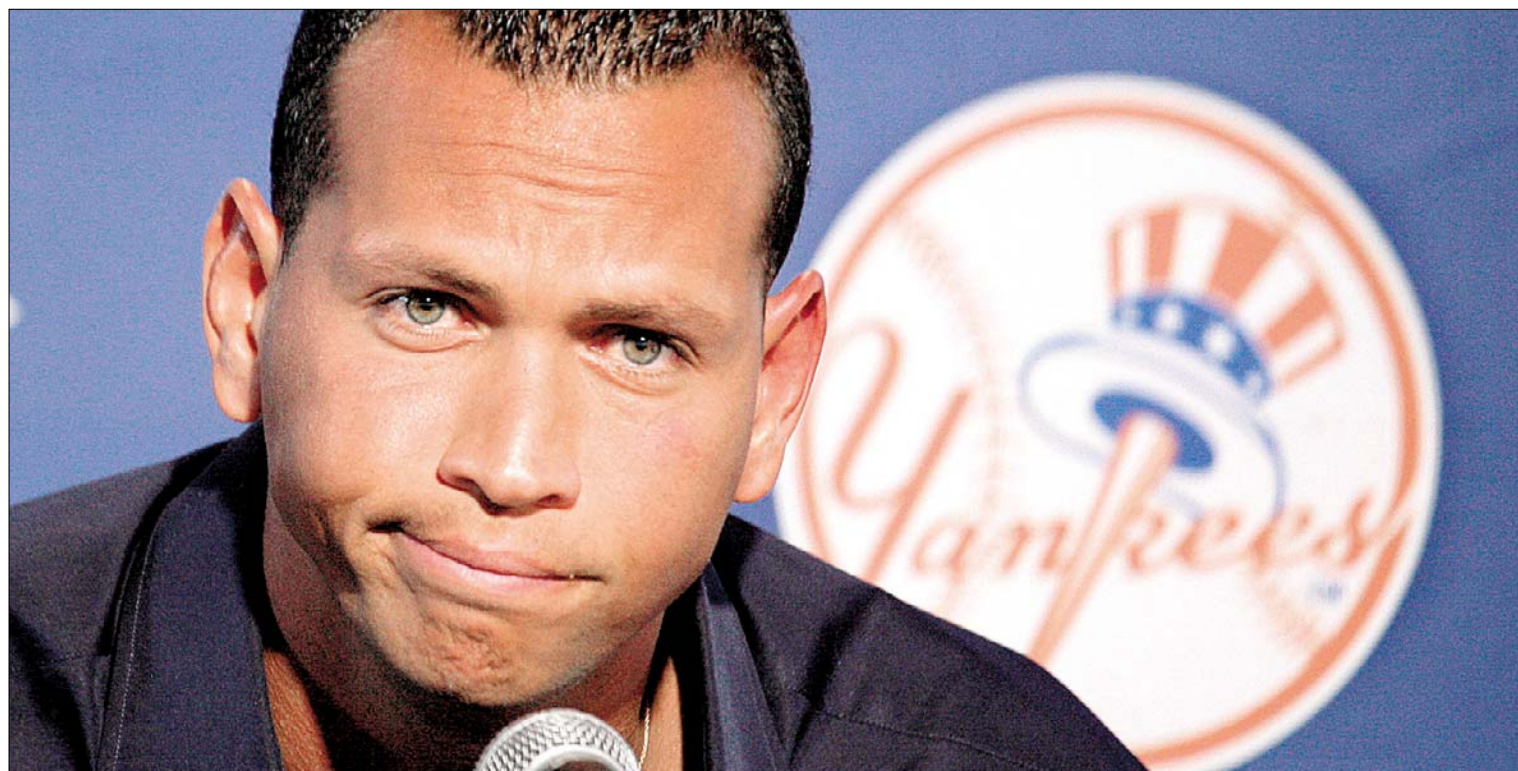
BACK TO WORK: Charles Barkley will return from his leave of absence and be back on the air Thursday night during TNT's NBA coverage. Barkley was arrested Dec. 31 in Scottsdale, Ariz., when the Hall of Famer had a blood-alcohol level nearly twice the legal limit in Arizona.



Sports

"I didn't think they were steroids. That's again part of being young and stupid. It was over-the-counter. It was pretty simple."

YANKEES SLUGGER ALEX RODRIGUEZ, EXPLAINING HIS STEROID USE AT TRAINING CAMP ON TUESDAY



HARDBALL: Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez answers questions from a horde of reporters on Tuesday in Tampa, Fla. The three-time most valuable player blamed his youth for taking steroids when he played for the Texas Rangers. He claims to not have used performance-enhancing drugs since he joined the Yankees in 2003.

A-Rod Injects Cousin Into Apology

Yankees star blames youth, stupidity for years of steroid use

BASEBALL | Alex Rodriguez answered one big question Tuesday, admitting his cousin repeatedly injected him with a substance from the Dominican Republic.

The New York Yankees star blamed his 2003 positive test on being young and naive.

"I knew we weren't taking Tic Tacs," said Rodriguez, who was joined at the head table by Yankees general manager Brian Cashman and manager Joe Girardi.

Before a horde of reporters at Steinbrenner Field, Rodriguez began by reading a statement in which he again apologized for taking banned drugs from 2001 to 2003 while he was with the Texas Rangers.

Then Rodriguez turned to his teammates and searched for the

right words.

It took 37 seconds — a break in which he looked side to side, blinked several times, bit his lip and took a sip of water — then finally looked up and faced Derek Jeter and co.

"Thank you."

Rodriguez said his cousin introduced him to "boli," saying it was an over-the-counter substance in the

"All these years, I never thought I did anything wrong."

He said he wasn't sure how the drug use helped him but admitted he had more energy.

Rodriguez said he has not used human growth hormone or any other banned drug since then. He refused to identify his cousin.

The three-time AL MVP and

Rodriguez said his cousin introduced him to "boli," saying it was an over-the-counter substance in the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Republic. While with Texas, he said his cousin injected him about twice a month during six-month cycles to get an energy boost.

"I didn't think they were steroids," he said. "That's again part of being young and stupid. It was over-the-counter. It was pretty simple."

baseball's highest-paid player spoke at the Yankees' spring training camp 10 days after Sports Illustrated reported that he tested positive in 2003.

"He's a huge investment. So, he's an asset, and this is an asset that's currently in crisis," Cashman said. "So, we will do everything we can to protect that asset." RONALD BLUM (AP)

A SPRING TRADITION

The drug-related apology has become a near-annual February rite of passage for the Yankees:



In 2005, Jason Giambi gave an ambiguous apology at Yankee Stadium on the eve of spring training.



In 2008, Andy Pettitte gave an emotional and lengthy confession when he arrived at spring training. That apology lasted 55 minutes, much longer than A-Rod's 32-minute apology on Tuesday.

In Brief



Terrell Owens' future with the Dallas Cowboys appears to be up in the air.

NFL

Jones: Cowboys Haven't Decided on Future of T.O.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones went on and on Tuesday, emphasizing he hasn't decided whether to keep Terrell Owens. Then, long after the subject was seemingly put to rest, Jones brought it up again — with a pretty obvious hint that T.O. is staying. "You and I both know that the one that you're asking about all the time, if I gave you the answer that you want to hear, then you would've already had it. So, the fact you don't have it ought to tell you something. It really should," Jones said. (AP)

MLB

Sources: Feds Interviewed Pettitte in Clemens Case

Federal prosecutors have interviewed Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte as they investigate whether his former teammate Roger Clemens lied to Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs. Two people familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Pettitte was in Washington last week to meet with prosecutors. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation. (AP)

NBA

Hornets Trade Chandler For Thunder's Smith, Wilcox

The Oklahoma City Thunder has acquired center Tyson Chandler from New Orleans in a deal that sends veterans and former University of Maryland stars Joe Smith and Chris Wilcox to the Hornets. Chandler is averaging 8.8 points and 8.3 rebounds per game this season (AP)

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Sports

Dubai Rejection Sets Up New Fight

Tennis event officials say Israeli was denied visa over security fears

TENNIS | Organizers of a women's tennis tournament said Tuesday that security fears were behind the decision to bar an Israeli player — a move that could force another showdown when the men's play begins next week.

The snub brought swift denunciations from the Women's Tennis Association and warnings that it could consider scratching Dubai from its calendar. The Tennis Channel canceled plans to televise the championships in protest.

Tuesday's statement by the Dubai Tennis Championships — citing fan anger at Israel's recent incursions into the Gaza Strip — was the first detailed explanation of the last-minute visa denial for Shahar Peer, who qualified as the 48th-ranked player in the world. Monday's WTA rankings listed her 45th.

But the United Arab Emirates, which is trying to become a showcase for world-class sports, come



Israel's Shahar Peer was rejected by the Dubai Tennis Championships.

under increasing pressure with the men's field as Israeli doubles specialist Andy Ram hopes to be in the draw on Sunday.

Ram's lawyer, Amit Naor, told The Associated Press that the player is currently in Marseilles, France, and awaiting word whether he will be allowed into Dubai. Ram is ranked No. 7 in the world in doubles.

"Andy wants to play; he's not interested in all the other stuff," he said. **BRIAN MURPHY (AP)**

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M. ON MASN) Any hopes Georgetown has of returning to the NCAA tournament hinge on beating South Florida.

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M. ON CSN) Alex Ovechkin continues to make his case for achieving a second-straight MVP award when the Caps face the Montreal Canadiens.

NBA (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Dwight

Howard and the Orlando Magic battle the New Orleans Hornets, and the L.A. Lakers visit the Golden State Warriors.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Providence visits Louisville in a Big East battle, and Oklahoma State faces Texas Tech in the Big 12.

CYCLING (4 P.M. ON VERSUS) Stage four of Tour of California.

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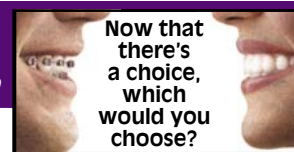
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Sports

Zimmermann Gets the Call

Nationals' minor league '08 pitcher of the year hopes for big club spot

NATIONALS | Jordan Zimmermann found himself growing a bit anxious this winter, wondering why spring training was only about 1½ months away and no one from the Washington Nationals had called to invite him to their major league camp. He was, after all, honored as Washington's minor league pitcher of the year in 2008 and was rated the club's No. 1 prospect by Baseball America. He's an up-and-coming pitcher in an organization that, frankly, could use some pitching.

"I just figured I'd be going, and I was just, like, 'I should be getting a call. I should be getting a call,'" Zimmermann said. "Just waiting, waiting, waiting. Finally, I talked to my agent."

He called his agent, and about 10 minutes later, Zimmermann was hearing back from his agent with the news: "Yes, the team wants you there."

And so it was that at 11 a.m. Monday, the first official workout day for Washington's pitchers and catchers at 2009 spring training, the 22-year-old right-hander was throwing a bullpen session.

Anyone in baseball will tell you that no one can tell much of anything from a relaxed, 10-minute toss with no batters around on Day 1 of spring training. And yet on this day,



Nationals pitching coach Randy St. Claire, right, watches Jordan Zimmermann Monday. Zimmermann was Washington's minor league pitcher of the year in 2008.

“It was fun to see Zimmermann [and] the arm ... everyone is raving about.”

MANNY ACTA, NATIONALS MANAGER

Zimmermann — a kid who's made all of 35 pro starts, none higher than at Double-A Harrisburg — was drawing rave reviews.

"He's something else," said 1990 World Series MVP Jose Rijo, a special assistant to Nationals general manager Jim Bowden. "We've got

to keep an eye on him. He's ready right now."

When asked generally what, if anything, stood out from the year's first workout, manager Manny Acta mentioned a particular name right away.

"It was fun to see Zimmermann," Acta said, "to see the arm that everyone is raving about."

The two already had chatted Sunday. "I told him, 'Just don't put too much pressure on yourself, and let things take care of themselves. We just try to make these guys understand that no one is going to make this club on the first or second day.'" **HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)**

Nationals journal: With an arbitration hearing coming up Friday, 3B Ryan Zimmerman is still absent from camp. For more | washingtontimes.com/sports

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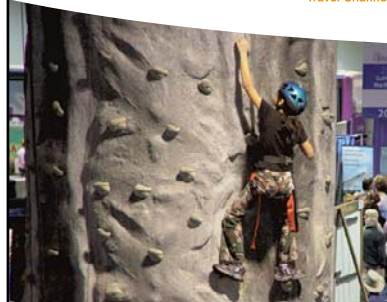
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Nothing to Fear But Fehr Himself

23-year-old winger is coming into his own as an NHL goal-scorer

CAPITALS | It's something Eric Fehr has experienced each time he's taken the next step in his career. Now it's happening for him in the NHL.

Holes in the defense suddenly appear wider. The net looks larger. The game's pace seems slower. And, of course, the puck goes in the net with greater frequency.

"When you first get up here, it seems like you're always in a rush, that guys are always on you, that you don't have time," Fehr said Tuesday. "I definitely feel like things are slowing down."

Fehr has scored in four consecutive games and has had six goals and three assists in his past eight to boost his season totals to nine and 18. The 23-year-old right wing entered the season with three goals in 48 games spread over parts of three seasons. He hopes to extend his streak Wednesday as the Capitals open a five-game homestand, the season's longest, against the reeling Montreal Canadiens, who have lost 10 of their past 13 games overall.

Fehr sat out 18 of the Capitals' first 49 games as a healthy scratch. But a vacancy opened up eight games ago when Chris Clark

was lost for the season with a wrist injury. Fehr went into the lineup the next game and appears determined not to relinquish his spot.

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BRUCE BOUDREAU, CAPITALS COACH

"Eric is playing as well as he's ever played at this level," coach Bruce Boudreau said. "It's like any other sport: If you're a baseball player, the pitches seem slower, the net looks like a soccer net and the holes you're going through look huge. If that's the way he's feeling, we would like it to continue."

Boudreau has seen Fehr make the jump once before. After back-to-back 50-goal seasons in juniors, Fehr became a consistent goal-scorer in the American Hockey League for Boudreau's Hershey Bears. But Fehr's leap to the NHL was delayed by nearly an entire season because of a back injury, a setback in his development he's only now starting to overcome.

TARIK EL-BASHIR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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PEACHY RIDE: Tourists visiting the historic riverfront in Savannah, Ga., can now ride a free 1930s streetcar. The shuttle began running Feb. 11, covering 10 blocks along the cobblestone promenade of shops and restaurants facing the Savannah River.

Travel



A merchant awaits customers at the Mai Mai market in Johannesburg, South Africa. The area is known as the place for healers.

Charmed Lives

Traditional healers practice medicine in a Johannesburg market

MACABRE | Tucked away under a highway in downtown Johannesburg, the Mai Mai market is a hidden world where traditional African healers ply their trade.

Visitors can take in the heady sight of stalls packed with animal

skins and strong herbs used to ward off evil and bring good health. It is also a great place to pick up bead work and is known for its sandals handmade from rubber tires.

Dubbed “Ezinyangeni” — the place of healers — the Mai Mai market is dedicated to traditional African medicine or “muti.”

The ill and the unlucky come to consult its herbalists or “inyangas” and its diviners known as “sango-

mas” who communicate with ancestral spirits and read the future by throwing bones.

For some, “muti” is associated with quackery and witch doctors. There are gruesome “muti” killings, and crooks, preparing to commit a crime, are known to take part in rituals to make them invincible.

For most, though, it is the practice of an ancient art of healing that is passed down to a chosen

few initiates.

But visitors, be warned: There are some strange and macabre sights.

Skins and skulls line the eaves above your head as you walk along the rows of redbrick buildings. There are snakeskins, crocodile skins, dozens of deer hides and the misshapen skulls of a few cows.

Skins and skulls line the eaves above your head as you walk.

In one shop, a woman with sharp cheekbones and a stoney glare kept us away. But a little farther away, Themba Maseko was as warm and inviting as his shop was enticing. The inside and outside were decked with strings of neon-colored beadwork, thick belts made from cowrie shells, feather headdresses and patterned cloths.

The Department of Health estimates about 70 percent of South Africans use traditional African medicine, often comfortably alongside Western medical practices. The tens of thousands of traditional healers in South Africa are being organized and regulated.

Maseko acknowledges that “muti” is still something of a taboo topic. “Some people are afraid to come, and they will wait until it becomes dark. But at the end of the day, ‘muti’ is the charm of everybody,” he says. **CELEAN JACOBSON (AP)**

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BRING OUT THE BIG GUN: The Roundabout Theatre Company says Sienna Miller will open in its Oct. 22 production of "After Miss Julie," playwright Patrick Marber's take on a 19th-century Strindberg classic about class, sex and power.

Entertainment

The Leading Ladies

Which actress will be labeled the 'best' at this year's Oscars?

AWARD | If justice has anything to do with it, this should be Kate Winslet's year. After all, Winslet is among the most admired actresses on the planet and is currently running zero for five in her previous shots at the Oscar.

But justice and the Academy have a long history of going their separate ways, as Glenn Close, Alfred Hitchcock and Barbara Stanwyck could attest. Plus, would it be all that just to reward a career rather than an individual performance?

If that's the way the Academy thinks, it could go for any of the five nominees, who this year include Anne Hathaway ("Rachel Getting Married"), Angelina Jolie ("Changeling"), Melissa Leo ("Frozen River") and Meryl Streep ("Doubt"), along with Winslet ("The Reader").

Previous wins would indicate that Streep and Winslet are the front-runners.

Winslet has already scooped up a mantel's worth of baubles for both "The Reader" and "Revolutionary



Kate Winslet is a front-runner in the best actress category for her role in "The Reader."

Road," and her failure to get an Oscar nom for the latter — almost certainly because the Academy doesn't allow an actress to receive two nominations within the same category in the same year — means that she'll have a lot of sympathy on her side. But there's a snag: Winslet's previous wins for "The Reader"

came in the supporting category. For reasons known only to its acting branch, the Academy decided to give her more votes in the lead category. Winslet is untested here. While the odds still favor her, don't rule out the chance of a loss.

As for Streep, it's true that she won the leading-lady nod at the

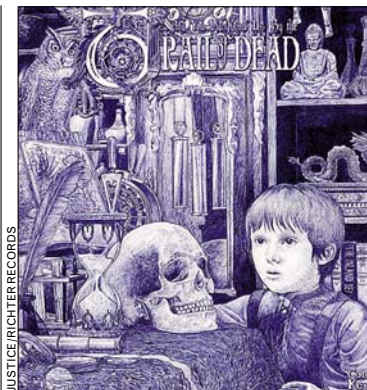
SAG Awards, but she lost at the Golden Globes when Winslet edged her out for "Revolutionary Road." And Streep has lost before: She's won only two Oscars in 14 previous nominations.

Is there any chance Streep or Winslet will stumble? It's unlikely, but there's an argument to be made that the other nominees might be in the running. Hathaway stunned audiences when she proved that she wasn't just the frothy star of popcorn fare like in 2001's "The Princess Diaries" or 2006's "The Devil Wears Prada" — and she did it without an accent, without makeup and without looking ugly, the usual ingredients that help an actress win a nomination.

Angelina Jolie is no mean actress — she's already won an Oscar for 1999's "Girl, Interrupted," and many people thought she deserved another for 2007's "A Mighty Heart."

That leaves Melissa Leo. She's a near-unknown who doesn't bring star wattage to the table. Which means if ever an underdog stood a chance, it's her. The problem is there are too many other underdogs competing in the supporting category.

RAY RICHMOND (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)



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Get Love Right Here at Home

The Kings of Leon finally find stardom on their own soil

STATESIDE | Watch Nathan Followill breeze into his local Nashville watering hole, and it's obvious that he's well-known and well-liked by the crew at McCabe's Pub. The Kings of Leon drummer comes off more as cool local guy than international rock star. Nothing in his manner indicates that his band's fourth album is finally making the Kings as big in the United States as they have been in the United Kingdom and Europe since 2004.

The band's label, RCA, says

"Only by the Night" has sold almost 3 million copies worldwide. They've been multiplatinum in the United Kingdom for quite a while. Until now, that kind of success has eluded them at home, but that's beginning to change. So far, "Only by the Night" has sold 397,000 in the U.S.

The band — brothers Nathan, Caleb and Jared; and their cousin Matthew — has a well-documented backstory. But the Followills' childhood of traveling with their Pentecostal preacher father didn't resonate at home as it did in Europe. "Over there, we stepped off the plane and they were amazed we had socks and shoes, had all of our teeth and didn't have our tongues



From left, Caleb, Matthew, Nathan and Jared Followill are the Kings of Leon.

stuck in a bottle of Jack Daniel's," Followill says.

In retrospect, Followill reckons, the story has helped more than it has hurt. "Nobody believed it," he says with a laugh. "They thought some publicist made it up."

Now the game plan is to make the global footprint of Kings of Leon even bigger.

The band's first U.S. arena tour, announced last week, will keep the Followills far from McCabe's Pub. Before the year is up, the band will headline arenas in Australia, the U.K. and Europe, and will make another run through U.S. arenas.

And, as he heads out the door of McCabe's, Nathan Followill adds, "Wish us luck at the Grammys." (For the record, Kings of Leon won for best rock performance by a duo or group with vocals for "Sex on Fire.")

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PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (140 405) 625 850
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THE READER (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 330) 645 935
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(1215 125 245 400 510) 650 750 910 1010
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DOUBT (PG-13) (1255 PM)
THE WRESTLER (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 PM) 615 PM 850 PM
THE READER (R) - ID REQ'D (355 PM) 705 PM 850 PM
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THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D (130 430) 730 1015
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THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (1220 PM 240 PM) 510 PM
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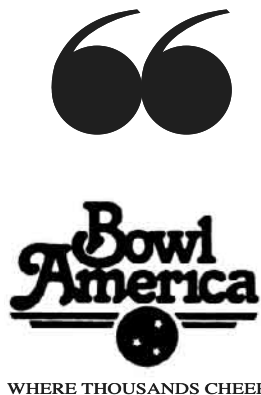
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HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (105 410) 715 1020
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THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 2:10, 6:05, 9:40

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DEFIANCE (R) 2:20, 6:15, 9:15
GRAN TORINO (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
THE READER (R) 3:15, 6:35, 9:30

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THE WRESTLER (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
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PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20

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HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10
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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:21, 2:55, 5:35, 8:20
THE WRESTLER (R) 1:24, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15
THE READER (R) 1:25, 4:20, 7:15
DOUBT (PG13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:05
RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) 2:00, 4:55, 7:45

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
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THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 2:30, 5:20, 8:15

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BRIDE WARS (PG) 1:35, 4:15

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GRAN TORINO (R) 4:00, 7:10, 9:55

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TAKEN (PG13) 2:50, 4:30, 8:00

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FROST/NIXON (R) 7:20
GRAN TORINO (R) 1:40, 4:30

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GRAN TORINO (R) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
THE READER (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35

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Television

'NORTH CAROLINA HOPE': Michael Vartan has been tapped to co-star with Jada Pinkett Smith in TNT's new series "Time Heals." The show centers on Christina Hawthorne (Pinkett Smith), the director of nursing at a North Carolina hospital. Vartan will play the director of medicine.



Here Comes the Pageantry

'Little Miss Perfect' shines the spotlight on maladjustment

CROWN | Hot on the high heels of TLC's "Toddlers & Tiaras," the six-part series "Little Miss Perfect" (10 p.m., WE) joins a growing list of pageant-related fare.

Like "Toddlers," "Perfect" unfolds without narration and overt judgment. The absence of heavy-handed manipulation does allow a great deal of ambivalence to seep in. At first, "Perfect" seems like just another nonfiction effort trying to approximate the crazy, colorful and self-deluded characters from a Christopher Guest ("Best in Show," "A Mighty Wind") mockumentary. The sight of a 9-year-old dressed up as Marilyn Monroe standing



Young girls overcompensate for their insecure parents tonight at 10 on WE.

on top of a milk crate containing a high-powered fan to blow her dress above her knees is both ghastly and utterly cliché. Her brother escorts

her off the stage as "JFK."

But when that same 9-year-old has to correct her own mother's grammar after she crafts a sign ("Diamonds is a Girl's Best Friend"), you know we're entering more pathetic territory.

While every adult in this series seems to be overcompensating for something, one pageant mom stands out in particular. "I had a completely different lifestyle," says Jean of her childhood. "There were no trophies and no fun things." She then tears up and runs away from the camera.

A strange mixture of the hopeful and the banal, the tasteless and the poignant, "Perfect" is too often like the stage mothers: more bleak than amusing, but too superficial to be terribly interesting. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

SCENE OF THE CRIME

The Rev. Samuel Kyles, present in the room when Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered, returns to the Lorraine Motel in the film **THE WITNESS: FROM THE BALCONY OF ROOM 306** (8 p.m., HBO2).

THE FIELD NARROWS

Three finalists get the nod on **AMERICAN IDOL** (8 p.m., Fox).

COLD ENOUGH FOR YA?

The new series **AGAINST THE ELEMENTS** (8 p.m., Science) looks at extreme weather.

FORK IN THE PLOT

A path back to the island beckons to some but not all on **LOST** (9 p.m., ABC).

SINGER VS. SINGER

Elton John, a producer of **SPECTACLE** (9 p.m., Sundance), interviews Diana Krall, the wife of regular host Elvis Costello.

LEGAL CATFIGHT

Ellen and Patty bicker over case strategy on **DAMAGES** (10 p.m., FX).



The Rev. Samuel Kyles returns to the site of Martin Luther King Jr.'s murder.

GET OUT OF MY BIG HAIR

The class of 1988 is together again on **HIGH SCHOOL REUNION** (10 p.m., TV Land).

THE COMB-OVER

Donald Trump appears on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Healthy Adult Volunteers Needed

The National Institute of Mental Health is conducting a study of mild stress and memory. Participants will be interviewed and will complete a series of tasks during which physiological functioning will be recorded. Volunteers must:

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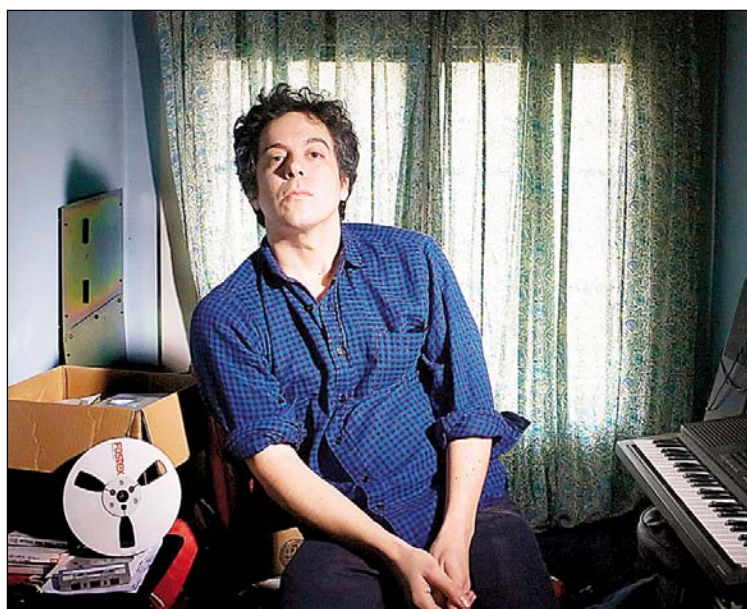
M. Ward is defining himself as the artist who can do no wrong

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MUSIC | M. Ward is craftily making his way into the "do no wrong" category of musicians.

The more you listen to this immensely talented singer-songwriter, the more you're convinced there's no melody he can't tame and no old chords he can't invigorate with his unique brand of freshness.

On his latest release, "Hold Time" (Merge), his first solo record since last year's *She & Him* with Zooey Deschanel, the West Coast crooner taps into the richness of the 1950s and '60s, pulling from vintage Buddy Holly and mid-century folk, and the result is nothing short of being immensely comforting.



M. Ward's "Hold Time" is a perfect late-winter release — it sounds like springtime.

Ward (whose first name is Matt) is a wicked guitarist first and a distinctive singer second. Whether he's reveling in the swinging "Never

Had Nobody Like You" (featuring Deschanel and invoking George Harrison in his later days) or mourning a loss of freedom in the

steady "Jailbird," the vocals range only from tepidly joyous to rather downhearted.

Fortunately, he's able to do fascinating things with melody. Between the fingerpicking and the dreamy twangs, most of these tracks end up soaring. "Stars of Leo" in particular does the simple crescendo perfectly, a ballad morphing seamlessly into a spunky rock song in a matter of seconds.

Aside from some glimpses of gospel and boogie-woogie, folk and country influences abound on this album, and the tone is Deep South in the springtime. In fact, a late February release is the perfect timing for this collection, since its ice-melting mojo emits warmth and ease, with the promise of sun just beneath the surface. AFTON LORRAINE WOODWARD

→ *Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; Sat., sold out; 202-408-3100. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

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Rob Riggle of "Daily Show" fame struts his stuff at Sixth and I on Thursday.

THURSDAY

'Eurydice': Playwright Sarah Ruhl is D.C.'s darling, and for good reason. Her retelling of the Orpheus myth will make you a convert. Round House Theatre Bethesda, 4545 East West Highway, Bethesda; through March 1, \$25-\$60; 240-644-1100. (Bethesda)

Rob Riggle: He's a comedian who's on "The Daily Show" all the time. Jon Stewart thinks this man is funny. Need we say more? Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; 7 p.m., \$20-\$25; 202-408-3100. (Gallery Place)

FRIDAY

B.B. King: Do we even have to say anything? The man is the king of blues. To top it off, he's playing with Buddy Guy, another member of the blues pantheon. Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; 8 p.m., \$65-\$70; 202-397-7328. (Farragut West)

Drive-By Truckers: Even though cowboy chic is old news in D.C., these passionate Southern rockers still have a certain appeal. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 8 p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Car dozo)

SATURDAY

Momix: The legendary experimental performance group basically blends dance with those magic eye pictures you always had trouble with as a child. It's unlike anything you've ever seen. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$29-\$59; 202-533-1868. (Metro Center)

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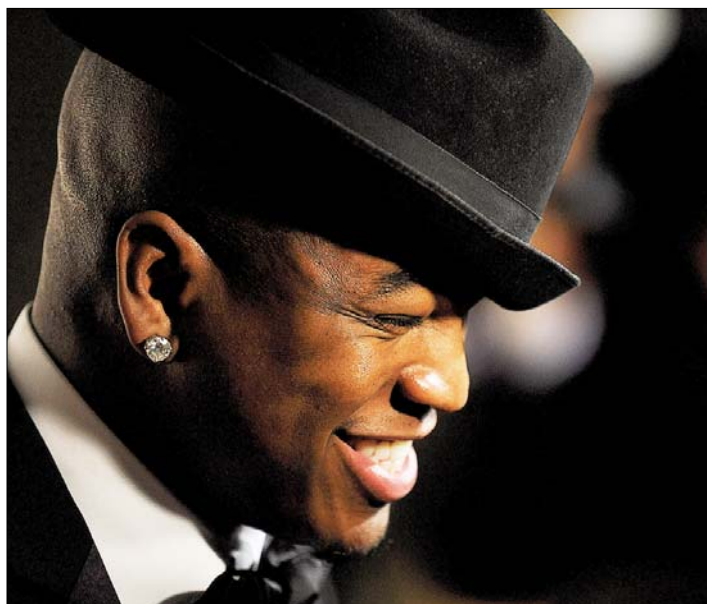


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→ *Freer Gallery Meyer Auditorium, 1200 Jefferson Drive SW; 7 p.m., \$25-\$30; 202-633-3030. (Smithsonian)*



Mr. Up-and-Coming

Ne-Yo has released three albums and held supporting roles in "Save the Last Dance 2" and "Stomp the Yard." He's set to star in, produce and write the soundtrack for the upcoming film "Venice Beach." Before all this, he will be hitting the stage at Constitution Hall with Musiq Soulchild and Jazmine Sullivan. People have likened him to Usher and Michael Jackson (before all that unpleasantness), so he has to be worth a shot. NICOLE OCRAN

→ *Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; 8 p.m., \$64-\$74; with Musiq Soulchild and Jazmine Sullivan; 202-628-4780. (Farragut West)*



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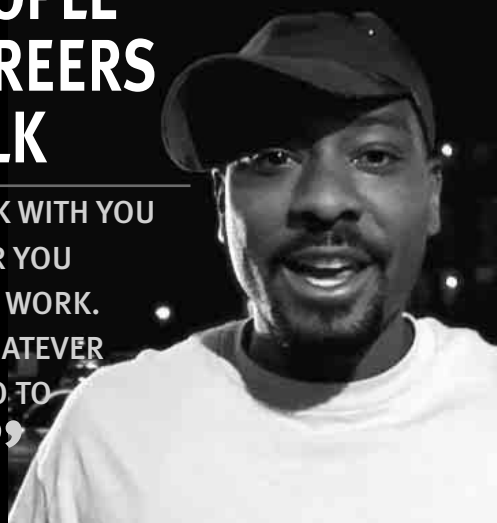
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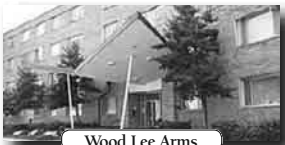
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Bar and bat mitzvahs are catching on with older Jewish people

Norma Medoff made sure her son and daughters studied hard so they could celebrate their bar and bat mitzvahs, and then she twinkled with pride as the years ticked away and her eight grandchildren did the same.

Finally, at 77, she got her turn.

"I have listened to others read from the Torah for over seven decades," said Medoff. "When I got the chance to open the Torah and read my portion, I knew that I had reached a milestone I never imagined I would."

As a child, she had studied Hebrew but was denied the chance to read before the congregation because of restrictions on an Orthodox Jewish girl growing up in the 1940s.

The coming-of-age milestone

"I thought my life was over, but that's when I started giving bar mitzvah lessons."

GEORGE GOLDSTEIN, RETIREE

typically celebrated by 13-year-old Jewish boys and girls is becoming increasingly popular across the country among those many years older. Some women, such as Medoff, were never given the chance because of their gender. Others, men and women alike, are converts or had their young lives interrupted by the Holocaust.

As life spans lengthen, many others are celebrating bar and bat mitzvahs for a second — or third

time — to embrace an old Jewish tradition.

Medoff, a retired social worker, thought her youngest grandson's bar mitzvah a few years back would be the last she'd attend for some time. But soon after, she decided to study herself, leading to the ceremony with six other women late last month at B'nai Torah, a conservative congregation in Boca Raton, Fla. She attended a twice-weekly class for more than two years and studied at home each day.

Finally, she and her classmates were ready to chant nine or 10 lines from the sacred scroll.

"I can't tell you the feeling I have that I can do this at my age," she said.

Among those who helped Medoff prepare was George Gold-

Rites Again

stein, a retired General Electric plant worker who will turn 100 in April.

Goldstein had his second bar mitzvah at age 83, the typical age for such a celebration because it comes 70 years after the initial bar mitzvah, a period of time the Old Testament defines as a full life. Goldstein decided if he lived another 13 years, he would be bar mitzvahed again, and so he was at age 96.

He initially was skeptical about helping older congregants with their Hebrew. Children pick things up so much easier, he thought, and some seeking help were plagued by limitations of age that made it even harder. But he now sees it as a key to his own youth.

"I thought my life was over, but that's when I started giving bar mitzvah lessons," he said. "It does keep you young. That's like drinking

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PROUD MOMENT: Norma Medoff, 77, reads the Torah at the B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Fla., during her bat mitzvah.



George Goldstein, a retired General Electric factory worker who will turn 100 in April, celebrated his second bar mitzvah when he was 83 and his third at age 96.

from the fountain of youth."

Rabbi Amy Schwartzman's Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, Va., just finished up a two-year course for adults hoping to be bar and bat mitzvahed. The classes have produced people able to read the Torah before the congregation and help at other times, such as leading prayer at shiva services.

"They've become much more invested in their congregation," she said.

No numbers exist on how many adults have bar and bat mitzvahs as compared to children, but the trend is increasing as more synagogues offer specialized programs and non-Jews are attracted to convert. Whatever the reason for the phenomenon, those who go through a bar or bat mitzvah later in life describe it as an incredibly spiritual experience, and one that can transport them back to a different time.

Henry Butensky of West Palm Beach, Fla., had his second bar mitzvah four years ago, when he was 83.

"You're 83, and you feel young again. You're 13," he said. "It's a wonderful feeling." MATT SEDENSKY (AP)

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COMMENTER CHRIS, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU THINK MICHAEL PHELPS GOT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN HIS POT-SMOKING INCIDENT?"

“Who cares whether he did smoke it? Not only was it long after the Olympic Games, but he is also human.”

COMMENTER LELE, WHO ADDED, "TO ME, HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A WORSE ROLE MODEL IF HE DIDN'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE AT ALL. CUT HIM SOME SLACK."

“There probably wasn't enough evidence for criminal conviction. I'd have suspended [him] from further Olympic competition.”

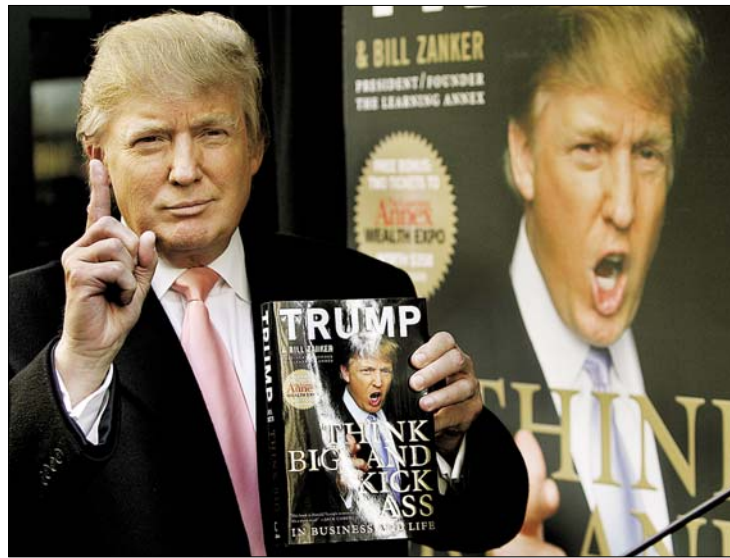
COMMENTER ANOTHER PERSON, WHO ADDED, "KELLOGG'S GOT IT RIGHT. IF YOUR IMAGE IS WORTH MONEY, THEN IT'S VALUE IS DIMINISHED BY STUPIDITY."

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM/POLLCENTER

Blog LOG

"I can't tell you where the hipsters hiccup the next trend between sips of obscure microbrews and whimsical existential conversations."

F-OXYMORON.COM POINTS OUT THAT HE SOMETIMES FEELS OUT OF PLACE AMONG OTHER TRANSIENT YUPPIES WHO ALSO LIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



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"This is especially humiliating because the same company went bankrupt in the midst of the fourth season of 'The Apprentice.'"

GAWKER.COM POINTS OUT THAT DONALD TRUMP IS NO STRANGER TO HIS COMPANIES' FILING FOR BANKRUPTCY, AFTER HIS CASINO GROUP FILED FOR CHAPTER 11 PROTECTION TUESDAY.



Discussions

The Fashionistas

Washingtonpost.com fashion and beauty editor **JANET BENNETT KELLY** and Style's Shopper fashionistas **HOLLY E. THOMAS** and **MICHELLE THOMAS** answered questions on everything from Michelle Obama's fashion influence to how to make the runway trends work for you.

I love my knee-high leather boots — they're so comfortable and warm. I'm curious whether it is appropriate to wear them with a business suit and tights. I work in a government office that isn't terribly fashion-forward but also isn't completely dowdy. What is your verdict?

JBK: Did you happen to see the photo of former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice in her dark suit

and high-heeled leather boots? She looked amazing.

I am currently working on updating some of the slacks in my wardrobe. What are waistbands like that the designers are showing so far at the 2009 shows?

JBK: Definitely for spring, waistbands are higher and pants are fuller. Don't know yet how I would characterize pants for fall. I've been seeing a lot of leather and leggings, though.

What do we look for at the Academy Awards? Is there a new hot color (gold?) or style?

JBK: If the Golden Globes is any precedent for Oscar fashions, I'd say we're going to see a lot of one-shoulder gowns, ruching and hair in soft updos. I'll be doing a photo gallery of the best — and the worst. Look for it late Sunday night or Monday morning.

Do you know of any salons in the D.C. or Northern Virginia region that give lessons on how to style one's hair with a curling iron, hot rollers, blow dryer, etc? I could use the lessons.

HT: One80 salon offers 30- to 45-minute one-on-one blowout sessions with a stylist for \$25, plus you get appetizers and cocktails during the session.

Do you (or your very knowledgeable chatters) know of a SPF facial moisturizer that does not smell like sunscreen?

JBK: I'm a fan of Aveeno; it has some scent but not a chemical one. My dermatologist recommends it, too.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: D.C. United President Kevin Payne takes questions about the team's plan to move to a new stadium in Maryland at 11:30 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

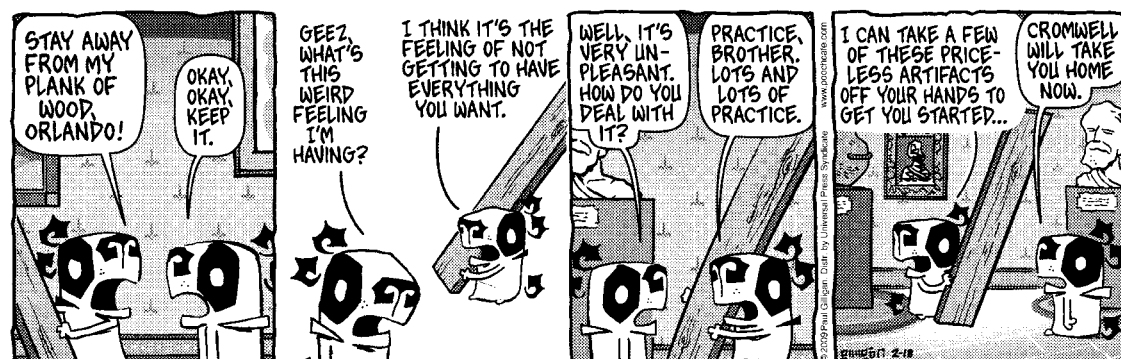
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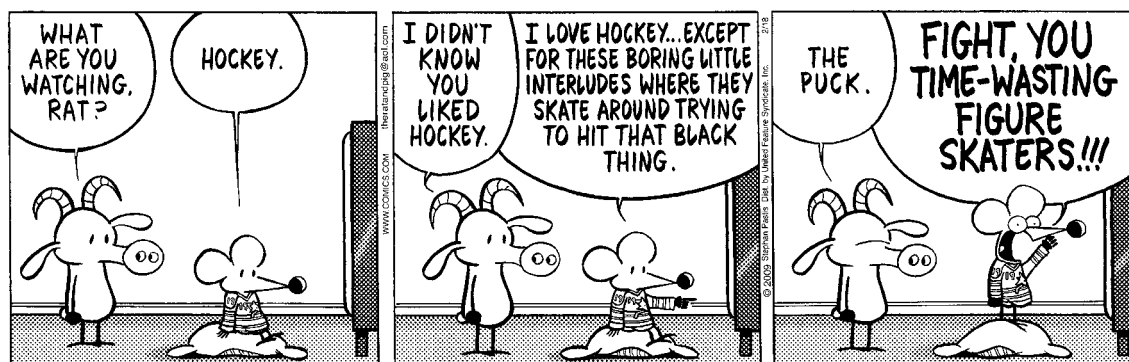
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The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll have good reason to take a trip down memory lane, but you may discover that you've had your facts wrong all this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be ready to do what is asked of you, without asking questions yourself. It's important that you prove your loyalty at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your search for a lost personal article may produce more than expected by day's end. You may have to settle an argument that arises.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can do good work, but only if you're willing to think outside the box. Now is no time to do things the ordinary way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Yes, it's true — you're not as young as you used to be. Don't let this get you down, however; there's no reason to lighten your load just yet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Progress comes in waves, and you'll come to

realize that the more open you let your mind remain, the more opportunities come your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can make a fine strategic move, and still your critics aren't going to see the sense in it. Are you working for them or for yourself?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A little exploration can result in a few important discoveries, and it doesn't matter whether you have company or go it alone — yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Prospects are bright, and you may have so many options available to you that you don't know exactly where to begin. Enjoy this high period.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You don't have as much money to throw around as you would like, but even while you economize further, you can enjoy yourself quite a bit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Others may be expecting you to make quite a blunder, but if you take it slow, you should be able to surprise them all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You don't want to engage in any unnecessary conflicts. Indeed, you may discover that no conflict is truly necessary right now.



Dale Earnhardt Sr., in car No. 3, was killed in this Daytona 500 crash Feb. 18, 2001.

Today in History

1735 The first opera presented in America, "Flora, or Hob in the Well," is performed in present-day Charleston, S.C.

1930 Photographic evidence of Pluto — now designated a "dwarf planet" — is discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

1970 The "Chicago Seven" defendants are found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention;

five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968. Those convictions were later reversed.

1977 The space shuttle Enterprise takes its maiden "flight," above the Mojave Desert.

2001 Auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. dies from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

2008 Andy Pettitte apologizes to the New York Yankees, Houston Astros and his fans for the "embarrassment" he caused them by taking human growth hormone.

LOOK out

People



Not the only prize-winning Winslet.

AWARDS

British Fridge Overwhelmed By Certificates of Merit

KATE WINSLET's mother, Sally, took home a prize on Saturday for best pickled onions, awarded by her village pub, the Retreat in Reading, England. The mother of the five-time Oscar-nominee clinched the top spot for the third year. (EXPRESS)

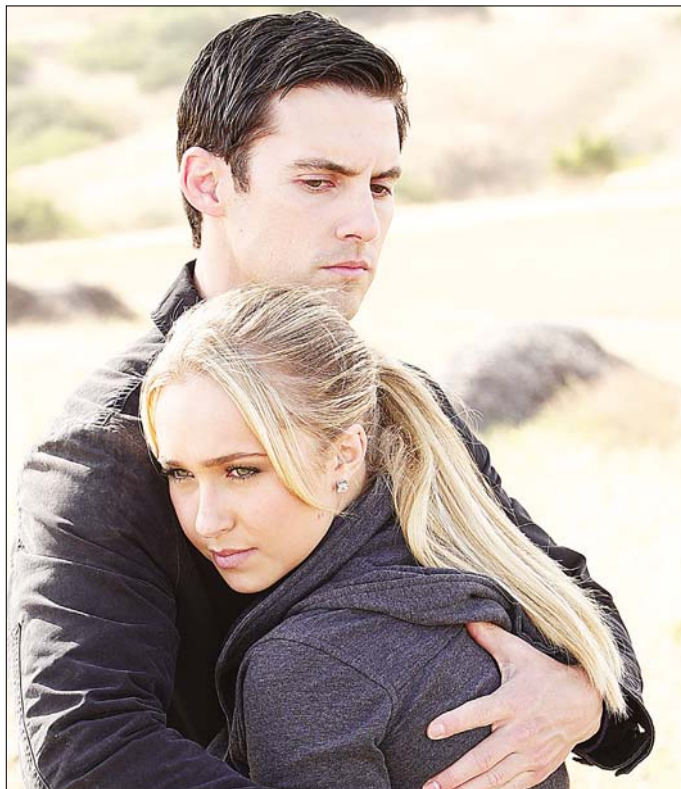
ONSTAGE

Snorkle Only Enhances Famed Soprano's Abilities

"The Little Mermaid" is getting a new underwater villainess. **FAITH PRINCE** will join Disney's Broadway musical as Ursula the sea witch, the evil nemesis of the show's spirited young heroine, Ariel. (AP)

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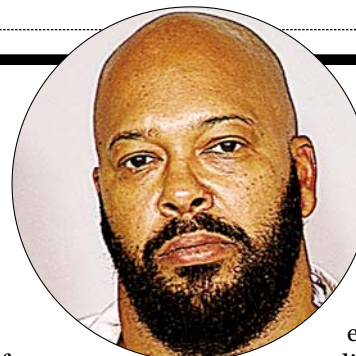
SPLITS

Just Super-Friends

Usmagazine.com reports "Heroes" co-stars **HAYDEN PANETTIERE**, 19, and **MILO VENTIMIGLIA**, 31, have split. The Web site quotes a friend close to the couple as suggesting the actors had a "lifestyle conflict." Adds the insider, "They are still on friendly terms. There are no hard feelings." The unidentified blabber suggests the split occurred last week. (EXPRESS)

ASSAULTED Earth's Deliverymen Unable to Carry Akon's Million 'We're VERY Sorry, Sir' Bouquets

A beating has left rap producer **MARION "SUGE" KNIGHT** hospitalized in Arizona. Police say the incident happened Monday at a private party in a hotel in Scottsdale. Two men were arrested, including a man



"Suge" Knight was hospitalized after being beaten.

who said he is the business manager for hip-hop singer Akon. Scottsdale police spokesman Sgt.

Mark Clark says Akon was not present when the scuffle occurred. Clark says officers arrived and saw a man identified as Robert Carnes Jr. twice punch Knight's face. (AP)

CENTRAL CASTING

Pound Falls Below the Penny

JERRY SPRINGER says he will perform in the musical "Chicago" in London's West End. He will play slick lawyer Billy Flynn in the show, which is about glamorous women who murder their lovers for fame. The 65-year-old television host



said Tuesday he will perform the role at the Cambridge Theater in London's West End theater district for six weeks starting in June. He says he will take singing lessons. (AP)

LITERATURE

New Zealanders Recommit To Cultivating Hairiest Toes

An early, unpublished work by **J.R.R. TOLKIEN** is coming out. "The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun," a thorough reworking in verse of old Norse epics that predates Tolkien's writing of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, will be published in May. (AP)

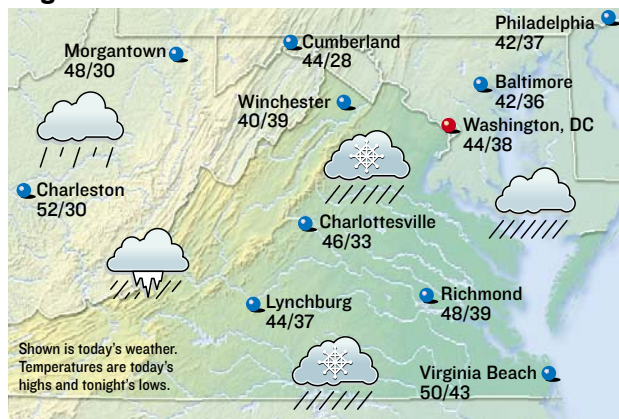


The spitting image of Bilbo himself.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain, snow	Mostly cloudy, early shower	Partly cloudy, windy	Partly sunny	Increasingly cloudy	Mostly sunny
44°	38°	46° / 26°	43° / 27°	41° / 28°	38° / 25°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	42°
Low	26°
Normal high	47°
Normal low	30°
Average humidity	37%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.09"
Normal month to date	1.54"
Year to date	2.77"
Last year to date	4.92"
Normal year to date	4.75"

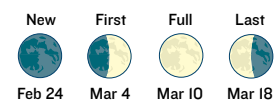
For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtontimes.com/weather

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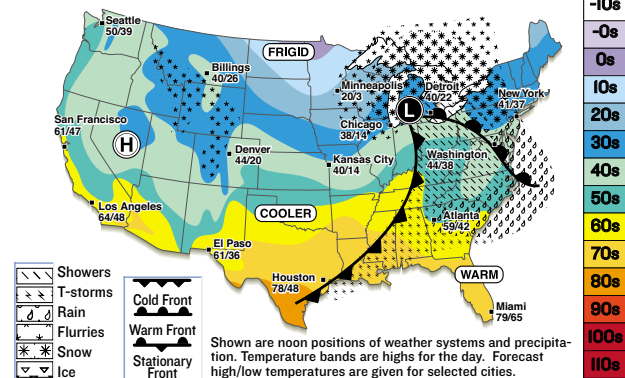
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, rain, snow. High 44. Wind south 8-16 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a shower. Low 38. Wind southwest 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:49 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:46 a.m.
Moonset today	11:50 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, February 18



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	59/42/t	52/25/s
Boston	38/35/c	43/32/c
Chicago	38/14/r	20/14/sf
Dallas	75/39/s	59/38/s
Denver	44/20/c	46/21/s
Honolulu	78/68/sh	78/65/pc
Los Angeles	64/48/s	72/50/s
Miami	79/65/s	80/53/pc
New York City	41/37/sn	45/30/pc
Orlando	76/59/pc	74/42/t
Seattle	50/39/pc	51/37/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	41/34/c	45/39/r
Athens	54/41/sh	55/40/sh
Berlin	28/19/c	30/23/c
Buenos Aires	95/75/s	95/77/pc
Calgary	30/18/c	35/16/pc
Dublin	48/41/pc	45/36/pc
Geneva	35/25/pc	35/34/s
Moscow	32/14/sn	27/14/pc
Rome	43/23/pc	46/25/s
Sydney	77/64/sh	82/68/pc
Tokyo	47/36/pc	46/41/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

CROSSWORD

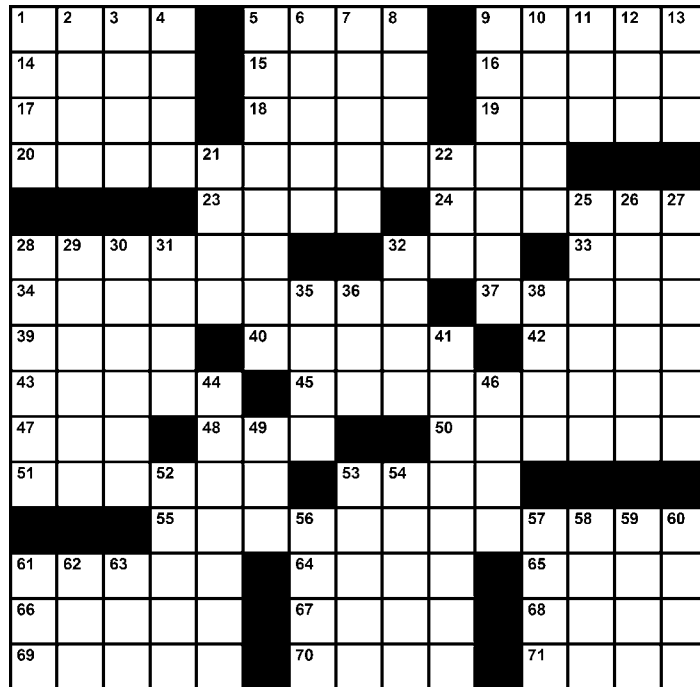
ACROSS

- 1 Run playfully
5 Insensible condition
9 Davidic verse
14 Gray matter matter?
15 In a crowd of
16 Not just a franchisee
17 Catchall category, briefly
18 Indian rhythmic pattern
19 Home pages, e.g.
20 Sideshow attraction
23 Comparative conjunction
24 Early spring flowers
28 Christmas carol start
32 Soap unit
33 "So ___ me!"
34 Hard-shelled critter
37 Feeds, in a sty
39 It's fit to be tied
40 Flies upward
42 Got off a horse, e.g.
43 Proficient
45 Pool stroke
47 Rather dedicated to news
48 Classic Paul Newman film
50 Firstborn
51 Small whirlpools
53 Support for the elderly?
55 Old chap's diner order?
61 Double agents
64 Try to persuade

- 65 Prepare for publication
66 It may hang on your conscience
67 Aspersions
68 Memorization method
69 Rumor sources?
70 One of the Cartwrights
71 Close forcefully

DOWN

- 1 Optician's display
2 Wednesday was named after him
3 South western plateau
4 Lies together?
5 They have a plate in front of them
6 It's on the Missouri
7 Stop on a European tour, often
8 Purim month
9 They're not who they pretend to be
10 Ice cream effect
11 Small colonist
12 Wranglers alternative
13 Post-wedding title, often
21 Ides utterance
22 Where Charlie may ride forever, in song
25 Tristan's love
26 Class members
27 Certain musical group
28 Irritate by rubbing
29 Whatchamacallit
30 Use, as energy
31 Way up or down
32 Titanic's undoing
35 Mrs. Lincoln's



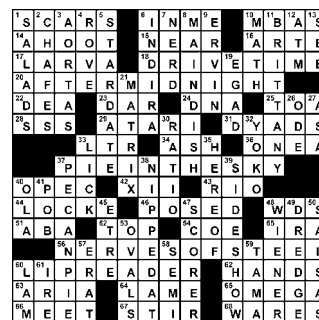
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maiden name

- 36 Chinese philosopher ___ tzu
38 Cheryl of "Charlie's Angels"
41 Skinflints' opposites
44 Believers
46 Knighted actor Guinness
49 Start of some aircraft carriers
52 "If ___" (Beatles song)
53 Movie producer Ponti

- 54 Breed of cattle
56 "Shhhh!"
57 Vanity plate in a two-car household, maybe
58 Object of pagan worship
59 Bread for a gyro
60 Word root
61 "Ben-Hur" studio
62 Overseas accord
63 Abner's size?

Yesterday's Solution



SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su[doku]?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

6	5	7	2	1	4	9	3	8
1	4	2	9	8	3	5	7	6
8	9	3	6	7	5	2	1	4
3	6	4	5	2	1	8	9	7
9	2	1	7	3	8	4	6	5
7	8	5	4	6	9	1	2	3
5	3	9	1	4	6	7	8	2
4	7	8	3	9	2	6	5	1
2	1	6	8	5	7	3	4	9

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